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Col. Barley Corn says he can't understand why some men want the earth if it's two-thirds water.

## TRAVELLER SAYS TOURISTS SHOULD STOP IN HAWAII

(By FRED GRUNDY.  
[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence])  
From "A Trip to Australia. By a Plain Man."

"As a sight-seeing trip the journey to Australia is fairly pleasurable if one is determined to endure many discomforts with a smile. The run from San Francisco to Tahiti is the longest and most tiresome, requiring about 15 days. All that is to be seen during that time is sky, sea and flying fish. The mountains of Tahiti are a more than welcome sight to the weary tourist. The natural beauty of the island is great, but one is so delighted to set his feet on solid land that he feels like he had found a veritable Eden. In all the South Sea Islands, and throughout New Zealand and Australia the tremendous force of the ancient volcano and earthquake are seen on every hand. To the stranger they are wonderful. Aside from these things and the remarkable natives, there is not much to be seen that cannot be seen in even more wonderful form in our own country. Probably in the near future much larger, faster and more comfortable steamers will be used in the Australian service, and the annoying inspection rules now prevailing greatly modified. The trip will then become a fairly pleasant one for those who wish to entirely escape the rigors of our winter season. Until these changes are made, I would not advise any one to take it, unless he is looking for trying discomforts."

"A majority of those making this trip return by way of Honolulu. When this point is reached one may well stop and rest a few weeks. He is again under the Stars and Stripes and feels at home. The scenery on the Hawaiian Islands is well worth seeing. The climate is delightful, and at Honolulu all the comforts to be obtained anywhere can be obtained at prices that are not extremely high. But here, I find, the steamer agents play a few 'tricks that are vain.' In purchasing a ticket at Frisco for Australia and return via Honolulu I was positively assured by the agent that it would be accepted in full payment for return passage to San Francisco from Honolulu. Here the mild-mannered agents informed me that I would have to come across with \$37.50 more in order to reach Frisco. This little contribution, they declared was for super-extra accommodations which my Frisco ticket did not provide for. I would advise those purchasing tickets at Frisco for passage to Australia and return via Honolulu to procure with

## JACK LONDON WILLING TO RUN FOR PRESIDENCY AS PROHIBITIONIST

Also, He Would Accept National Secretaryship of Socialist Party if Requested

[By Latest Mail]  
SAN FRANCISCO — Jack London announces that he will accept the prohibition nomination for president of the United States if it is tendered him.

Eastern prohibitionists feel that London's name would be a big factor in their campaign since the widespread popularity of his "John Barleycorn." Charles Terry White, prominent prohibitionist of Chicago, declares that the party is seriously considering the California novelist as their standard-bearer.

"Of course I'll accept the prohibition nomination if they want me. Why not? I also have been mentioned for national secretary of the socialist party. I'll accept that, too. I'll accept them all, why not?"

London has just returned from a trip to New York, where he went to protect his moving picture interests—which he did.

"Ever notice a bunch of chickens being fed?" commented London. "One of them grabs a piece of meat and away he goes with it. All the others start after him. Well, I grabbed a good chunk of meat called moving pictures, and every other fellow in the United States was after me. I got away with it, all right. But I had to run like the devil."

"Yes, I'm bound to the moving-picture business for life. Its like matrimony. All I possess, dear moving-picture business, is yours. No, I'm not going to write any original scenarios, nor anything just for moving-picture use alone. But everything that I have written or may write—novels or short stories—is contracted for by the company with which I am connected. Bosworth is in the north now, filming some of my Alaska stories. I expect to make in the neighborhood of \$300,000 out of the movies in the next two years. Pretty good chunk of meat?"

Yes; but I don't know whether you better tell about it or not. Perhaps it's an indiscreet statement. All the relatives of all the men I ever bunked down with, all over the world, will be on my trail.

"New York? New York is getting less and less American. Every time I go there I notice it. This time it struck me that about the only place in New York where you can find an American now is outside a theater—outside—between half-past eight and eleven. If you staid out there, then

you may run across an American in the man who comes up to touch you for a dime, or the woman who comes to solicit. But Americans in New York now are always outside—outside, and in the cold.

"Speaking of New York, do you remember the story about Burns, the English labor leader, and Chicago? When he arrived a reporter asked him what he thought of Chicago. 'It's a pocket edition of hell,' said Burns. The story went all around. Several months later, when Burns was boarding a steamer to return to England, some member of the Chicago chamber of commerce asked him if he had not amended his opinion.

"I have, said Burns. 'Hell is a pocket edition of Chicago.'"

"It's California for mine. But I stay here for the climate—not for the people. I'm the only one of the California writers to make good and stay in California. And, of course, here I am one of those prophets without honor."

### EMPIRE THEATER

The feature picture offered at the Empire theater for the afternoon and evening performance today will be a two-reel photo play of strong plot and abounding in action with a distinct flavor of the far west. "The Tragedy of Big Eagle Mine," is one of the late releases from a foremost producing company on the Pacific coast.

The story told by the camera is dramatic with many startling situations. Comedy films are plentifully interspersed at the week end bill at the Empire. "Just Kids," is predicted to take one back to days of childhood, and as a farce is well up to the standard.

The unfolding of the story as depicted in the picture entitled "The Lion's Bride," is declared a masterful piece of work and makes a strong appeal to those seeking the sensational along the line of motion photography.

George Spaulding's delegation of merry-makers who are holding forth at the Bijou are perfecting themselves in the side-splitting musical comedy, "The Man Who Looks Like Me." A host of pleasing songs and dances are introduced in the skit which will be offered patrons of that house beginning next Monday evening.

The supreme court yesterday set aside the default entered against the Advertiser by Circuit Judge Robinson in the \$25,000 libel suit brought against the newspaper by R. E. Bond of Walluku. The case now will be heard on its merits by Judge Robinson.

## 'GO HOME,' SAID VOICE AND MAN LEFT HOSPITAL

go home!"

The Spanish man, one of the "unemployed," who was receiving treatment in one of the wards at the Queen's hospital, after having paid no heed to a Rapid Transit conductor's warning not to get off the car backward, sat up in his cot and listened as the two words floated down the corridor to him. He never had been in a hospital before and the continual stillness of the place frightened him. Seeking information, he turned to his Porto Rican friend who occupied the adjoining cot.

"What was that?" he inquired. And the Porto Rican friend answered:

"They said 'go home.' Maybe they mean you. You'd better go home." And, as there were no white-coated nurses in the immediate vicinity, the Spaniard arose from his cot, donned his clothes and stole from the big hospital building. Out on the road he hailed a passing hack. Then, with 50 cents which it is said the Spanish consul had given him to buy food some time before, he enjoyed the luxury of a ride home.

Spencer Lowen, manager of the Associated Charities, stopped work for a few moments this morning to relate the foregoing story. It is an example, he said, of the many problems of the unemployed which the charities now is striving to solve. The charities explained Mr. Bowen had considerable trouble in persuading the Spaniard to go to the hospital, but the most distressing part of it came when, after the association considered its troubles over, the man picked up his belongings and left, thinking, as his Porto Rican friend had told him, that he was to "go home" and go at once. The hospital authorities reported that the Spaniard had left without permission, and expressed a willingness to help bring him back. And it took a lot of persuasion to get the Spaniard to return to his cot in the ward.

In connection with this story, Mr. Bowen pointed out that the Spanish of Honolulu now are doing everything possible to help those countrymen who are out of work and who, in many cases, have large families and little or no funds. One man, he said, who has a wife and six children, recently rented a house consisting of five rooms and a lean-to, and took in a man and his wife and four children. He then proceeded to take in others until now 18 persons are occupying the house. The conditions, says Mr. Bowen, are not what might be called perfect, and he intends taking steps to see if the situation cannot be relieved.

The people now occupying the house are receiving the special attention of the charities and, as Mr. Bowen said, the organization believes that it can secure employment for those who are able to go to work.

"This incident goes to show how eager the Spanish are to help one another," said the Manager. "At present there is little apparent relief in the employment situation, but the association thus far has been able to place several persons each day."

On account of the increased work of the charities, at the first of the month the present office will be moved to the more spacious quarters on Alakea street formerly occupied by Dr. W. C. Hobdy.

**PROMOTERS FREE  
FROM TAXES IN  
COAST OFFICE**

"By courtesy" the equipment of the San Francisco branch of the Hawaii Promotion Committee has been declared exempt from taxation by the assessor of that city. This declaration was voiced at the meeting of the promotionists yesterday afternoon, and A. P. Taylor, the San Francisco agent, was mentioned in the minutes as deservng the credit.

When a deputy assessor called on Mr. Taylor at his office and demanded that he pay his poll tax, the former newspaperman seriously objected; and at the same time he declared to the assessor that he could see no reason why a property tax should be paid on the equipment of his office. However, the agent did not wish to have a discussion with the assessor. Therefore, he donned his hat and coat and hurried to the city hall and to the office of the city and county assessor.

Taylor explained to the city and county assessor that he was in San Francisco in compliance with the invitation of the Panama-Pacific exposition sent to different countries, states and territories, including Hawaii, asking them to advertise, and he demanded to know whether or not the policy of collecting taxes was to be extended to such official representatives. This question evidently stumped the city and county assessor, for he told Taylor that he would reserve his answer until the following day. Shortly after, Taylor received the ultimatum read at the meeting of the committee yesterday.

Albert Waterhouse, who, at the last meeting, was appointed a committee to secure an ordinance whereby all drivers of vehicles for hire, when they take out a license, must prove that they have a good knowledge of the English language, reported that work was progressing on the framing of a proposed ordinance. A request to the board of supervisors of Kauai, asking that it make a donation of \$50 a month to the committee's funds, was refused. It was reported that the Oceanic Steamship Company now is conducting on the mainland an extensive advertising campaign with a view to securing more tourists for these islands.

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